

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Before The  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Experimental "Ride-Along" )  
Classification Change for Periodicals )

Docket No. MC2000-1

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO  
ORDER NO. 1264  
(October 25, 1999)

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The Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") hereby responds to a request of the Commission for comments on the experimental nature of the United States Postal Service's proposal for a "Ride-Along" category of Periodicals mail. OCA also responds to motions of the Postal Service for expedition and for waiver of certain filing requirements.

On September 30, 1999, the Commission issued a notice of a Postal Service Request for an experimental "Ride-Along" category of Periodicals mail and provided until October 25, 1999, for parties to provide comments and to respond to the Postal Service's motions.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service's request in this docket appears to meet the criteria for proceeding under the experimental rules. Accordingly, OCA has no objection to proceeding under the experimental rules. OCA also has no objection to

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<sup>1</sup> Order No. 1264, "Notice and Order on Filing of Request for Establishment of Experimental 'Ride-Along' Classification (and Flat Rate) for Periodicals," September 30, 1999, at 11, 13.

the Postal Service's expressed desire for expedition, or its request for a waiver of certain filing requirements.<sup>2</sup> However, OCA reserves the right to seek through discovery information that may be covered by any waiver of filing requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ted P. Gerarden  
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<sup>2</sup> "Motion of the United States Postal Service for Expedition and for Waiver of Certain Provisions of Rule 64(h)," September 27, 1999.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the rules of practice.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephanie S. Wallace".

STEPHANIE S. WALLACE

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